

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Ryuji ISHIGURO, et al.  
Serial No. : 09/872,509  
For : ENCIPHERING APPARATUS AND METHOD, DECIPHERING  
APPARATUS AND METHOD AS WELL AS INFORMATION  
PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD  
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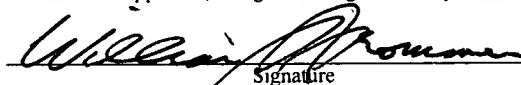
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**AMENDMENT**

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